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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: patent application of
Michael J. Picciallo

Group Art Unit:

Application No.: 09/478,051

Examiner:

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Date: October 25, 2000

For: THIRD PARTY CREDIT ACCOUNT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

It is respectfully requested that the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be made of record and considered with respect to the above-referenced U.S. Patent Application. A copy of each reference is enclosed. Submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be taken as an admission that the cited references are legally available prior art or that the same are pertinent or material.

The above-identified patent application is a Divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/876,929 filed June 16, 1997, which application, in turn, is a Continuation-In-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/575,173 filed April 16, 1996. Both applications are relied upon for earlier filing dates under 35 U.S.C. §§120 and 121.

The Examiner is authorized to charge applicant's Deposit Account No. 19-5425 for any charges in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98 in connection with the above-identified patent application, which statement is being filed:

- ☐ Together with the present application.
- ☐ Before the first Office Action on the merits or three (3) months from the filing date of this application, whichever occurs last.
- ☒ After the first Office Action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action under §1.113 or Notice of Allowance under §1.311, whichever occurs first.
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☐ After payment of the Issue Fee.

Consistent with the Applicant's obligations pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the following requirements have been met:

☐ No separate requirements are needed.

☐ The undersigned certifies pursuant to §1.97(e) that:

☐ Each item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the statement pursuant to Rule 1.97(e)(1); or

☐ No item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office, in a counterpart foreign application, or to his/her knowledge, after making reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in §1.56(c) in connection with the instant application more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

☒ In lieu of a §1.97(e) Certification, a fee in the amount of \$180.00 pursuant to §1.17(p) is submitted.

☐ A Petition Fee in the Amount of \$_____ pursuant to §1.17(i)(1) is submitted. Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) the Commissioner to consider the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

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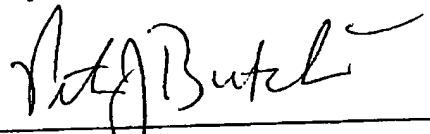
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application from issue pursuant to §1.313(b).

- ☐ One or more of the allowable claims in the instant application is/are unpatentable pursuant to §1.313(b)(3); or
- ☐ Applicant(s) expressly abandon(s) this application to permit consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement in the continuing application submitted herewith pursuant to §1.313(b)(5).
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Respectfully submitted,



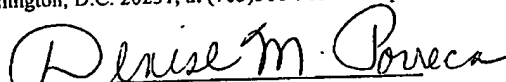
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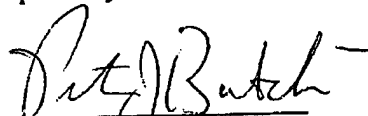
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